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## Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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## Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks has proposed the introduction of smallmouth bass and/or walleye into Faber Reservoir, Blaine County to control suckers. An Environmental assessment was written, the public was given notice and the document was distributed for a 30-day review and comment period.

Written comments (attached) were received from one individual who supported the preferred alternative. Two individuals came to the Havre Area Resource Office to express their support for the introduction. The proposal was discussed at three public meetings in the Havre area with unanimous support. Approximately 60 people were contacted through these meetings.

After careful review and consideration of public comments received, the Department has decided to proceed with the introduction.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

Tom Hinz

Regional Supervisor